(b) if so, the details thereof, with effective date of such approval and if not, the steps to be taken to seek approval early;

(c) whether any money has been spent by the Ministry on the project in case the same has been approved by Planning Commission;

(d) whether the State Government has taken up the matter regarding provision of land acquisition cost with the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Project was cleared by the Planning Commission vide their letter dated 23-01- 1999.

(c) An amount of Rs. 8 lakhs has been spent on final location survey which has been completed in December, 1999.

(d) and (e) Dy. Commissioner, Solan has quoted the rate of Rs. 63.65 lakhs per hectare, which is very much on the higher side as the adjacent land in Haryana is Rs. 19.46 lakhs per hectare. The matter has been taken up with the Secretary Revenue, Himachal Pradesh and it is expected to be sorted out soon.

Proposed Health Centres in Meghalaya

*498. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres proposed to be set up in Meghalaya during the next five years;

(b) the details of places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUNGAM): (a) to (c) There is no proposal of this Ministry to set up Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres in Meghalaya during the next five years. The Government of Meghalaya have however, informed that they propose to set up 15 Primary Health Centres during the next five years. Administrative approval has been accorded for setting up of 5 Primary Health Centres — one each at Ryngku,

Washerkbmut, Aradonga, Dongki inding and Maweit. The remaining will be considered during the 10th Plan period.

Feasibility of HIV/AIDS programmes

*499. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientific forum has challenged the ongoing programme of HIV/AIDS;

(b) whether Government have ordered review of second phase of HIV/AIDS programme;

(c) if so, whether the process has been started;

(d) whether any International Conference was held at Nagpur to ascertain validity of HIV/AIDS programme, including methods of testing;

(e) if so, the particulars of participants, including international experts from foreign countries, broad features of the agenda discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action initiated by Government to redress the victims of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (f) The ongoing National AIDS Control Programme Phase-II has been formulated after extensive consultations with State Governments, concerned Ministries in the Govt. of India, NGOs and representatives of civil society. The programme was thereafter approved by the Union Cabinet in August, 1999. No scientific forum has challenged the ongoing Programme nor has the Government issued any order for its review.

The President, Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur, had organised an International Conference on the validity of HIV/AIDS Programme, including methods of testing at Nagpur on 30th & 31st January, 2000. The Conference was attended by fifty participants including representative from WHO, ICMR and some delegates from abroad.